

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 17-22 are pending in this application, wherein claims 17-22 are being amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formality Rejection

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for not reciting the gist of the invention and the claims for spelling errors, and has requested correction thereof.

The Examiner rejected claims 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As outlined above, the abstract and claims have been amended according to the Examiner's requirements. Applicants will submit that the claims are now in proper form and in condition for allowance

Conclusion

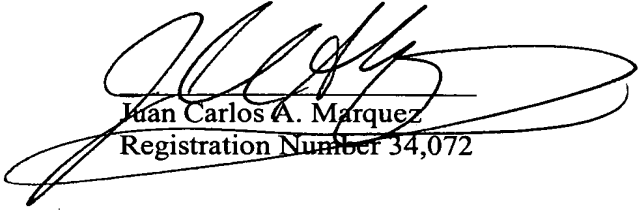
In view of all the above, since no prior art references were applied against the application, Applicants will contend that clear and distinct differences between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicants respectfully contend that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance

of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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